

Amendments to the specification:

Please amend paragraph 22 of the substitute specification as follows:

If during operation the electrical cable is subjected to strong tensile forces and harsh environmental conditions, it may be beneficial if the contact part is overmolded 20 with a polymer or elastomer material except for the contact surfaces. By coating the sharp edges of the punched part with a rubber material, the risk of damaging the cable sheath near the clamping point is reduced. The mechanical vibrations near the clamping point will also be attenuated to some extent. This damping property is particularly desirable if the cable is fixed to a backplane that can only tolerate limited mechanical vibrations in continuous operation. The overmolding also provides corrosion protection against outside.

Please amend paragraph 24 of the substitute specification as follows:

A further explanation of the invention is now given with reference to the drawings that show schematically two different embodiments according to the present invention: The drawings:

Figure 1      shows ~~shees~~ a perspective view of a known contact device for an electrical cable

Figure 2      shows a perspective view of a first embodiment of the invention,

Figure 3      shows a perspective view of a cable clamp with a cutting tooth ring designed into each end,

Figure 4      shows a perspective view of a cable clamp in an embodiment in which the points of the tooth ring touch a concentric contact area,

Figure 5      shows a perspective view of a cable clamp which is clamped around an electric cable and which is shown partially as a cross-section,

Figure 6      shows a perspective view of a second embodiment of the invention as a clamp for a plurality of cables,